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## ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS.

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(417) HANNIBAL FLETCHER [1], 150 acres in the County of James City at Lower Chippokes creek, extending southerly towards Lawne's creek. Due for the transportation of three persons, Robert Fenman, Janet Beckwith, Philip Outlep. By West, Nov. 22d, 1636.

## NOTE.

[1] Possibly the patentee was the father of "Mr. George Fletcher," to whom, in 1652, the Assembly gave the exclusive privilege for fourteen years "distill and brew in wooden vessels which none have experience in but himself."

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(418) JOHN YATES [1], 150 acres being a neck of land on the east side of Elizabeth River, and the south branch thereof. Due for the transportation of himself, his wife Joane, and Richard Yates. By West, Nov. 24, 1636.

## NOTE.

[1] John Yates was churchwarden of Lynhaven parish 1642. In August, 1648, in Lower Norfolk county, Joane Yates was granted administration on the estate of her deceased husband, John Yates.

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(419) WILLIAM FOOKES, 450 acres at Nanzemond river, adjoining the land of Daniel Gookins [1]. Due for the transportation of nine persons (names below). By West, Nov. 24, 1636.

William Harris, Ann Whitacre, Chr. Whiting, Ann Westly, John Wood, James Abbott, Thos. Deacon, Thos. Colly, Robert Slingsby.

## NOTE.

[1] Daniel Gookin, of Cargoline, Cork, Ireland, commenced a plantation in Virginia in 1621. He was a son of John Gookin, of Ripple Court, Kent, and with his brother, Sir Vincent Gookin, settled in Ireland. He came to Virginia in Nov., 1622, with fifty men, well provided, and settled at a place called Mary's Mount, near Newport News. Neill, in Virginia *Carolorum*, page 185, gives the epitaph of his son, Daniel Gookin, Jr., who removed in 1644 to Massachusetts and became a prominent man there.

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(420) HENRY SOUTHELL 700 acres on the "Chesopeian Shore within the Territories of Lynhaven," adjoining on the north the land of Wm

Layton [1] and on the west, the river. Due for the transportation of fourteen persons (names below). By West, Nov. 25, 1636.

Rowland Light, Richard Light, Wm. Layton, George Lento, William Basnett, Jathan Right, Jon. Eves, Sarah Palmer, Jon. Dunmore, Rowland Buckley, Thos. Heath, Ralph Simpkins, Hannah Woodington, Alice Alcott.

## NOTE.

[1] Wm Layton came to Virginia in the ship *Hopeful* in 1627, and settled in Lower Norfolk county. (*L. N. Records.*)

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(421) FRANCIS MAULDEN, 400 acres at Nanzemond river on the north side, abutting south east on the island "commonly called Dumplin Island." Due: 50 acres for his own personal adventure; 50 for the personal adventure of his wife, Katherine, and 300 for the transportation of six persons: Jos. Pitloe, Robert Sutton, Barbary Barnes, Hump. Browne, Francis Hutchinson, William Parry. By West, Nov. 26, 1636.

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(422) RICHARD YOUNG, 350 acres in the county of Warwicksqueake, up the river, southwest from a place called the great Indian field, and adjoining Thomas Jordon's land. Due for the transportation of seven persons (names below). By West, Nov. 25, 1636.

Henry Sneale, Elizabeth Sneale, his wife; Elizabeth Sneale, John Sneale, Dorothy Sneale, Alice Sneale, Mary Sneale.

This patent was renewed August 24, 1643, and another patent of May 11, 1638, added to it.

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(423) RICHARD YOUNG, 100 acres in the County of Warwicksqueake, near the great Indian field. Due for his own personal adventure and for the transportation of his wife Dorothy Young. By West, Nov. 25, 1636.

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(424) GEORGE SOPHEIR, 300 acres in the county of Elizabeth City on the Old Poquoson River, adjoining the land of John Laydon, and extending east from the Otter Dams. Due: 50 acres for his own personal adventure, and 250 for the transportation of five persons: Jon. Hening, Matthew Gouch, Joseph Dennis, Thomas Body, Henry Poiney. By West, November 26, 1636.

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(425) ANTHONY JONES [1], 100 acres in the county of Warwicksqueake, on Pagan Point Bay, and on the north side of Pagan Point Creek. Due for the transportation of two persons, Rich'd Loe and Thos. Randall. By West, November 26, 1636.

## NOTE.

[1] Anthony Jones was Burgess for Isle of Wight, January, 1639.

(*Robinson's Notes*), and March, 1642-3 (*Hening I*, 239). April 13, 1640, Mr. Anthony Jones, a commissioner [justice], of Isle of Wight county, was about to take a voyage to England (*Robinson's Notes*).

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(426) HENRY BRADLEY, 100 acres in the county of Warwicksqueake, on the river. Due for the personal adventure of his wife Frances Bradley and for the transportation of one person. By West, November 28, 1636.

Renewed by Sir John Hawey and 100 acres added to it.

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(427) STEPHEN GILL [1], 100 acres in the county of Charles River [York] adjoining on the west, the land formerly granted him by patent. Due for the personal adventure of his now wife Ann Gill, and her late husband Henry Toppin. By West, November 28, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] There is on record in York county, a deed dated January 26, 1638, to Stephen Gill, "chirurgion." Captain Stephen Gill was a justice of York, 1652, and a Burgess in the same year. There is on record a deed dated February 22, 1652, from "Captain Stephen Gill, of York co., gentleman." The will of Stephen Gill was dated July 15, 1646, and proved in York, August 2, 1653. It leaves his whole estate to his wife and children, but does not give their names. The inventory of his estate (quite a large one), shows that he had continued to practise as a physician and surgeon.

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(428) WILLIAM COX [1], 150 acres in the county of Henrico, about two miles and a half above Harroe Attocks, and bounded on the west by the great swamp. Due for the transportation of three persons, Thomas Brakston, Richard Bird, Richard Hewes. By West, November 29, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] Arrowhattocks or Harrowattocks, was on the north side of the river, just above the present Dutch Gap Canal. A family of Cox, long resident in Henrico, owned a farm called Newstead, which was on the river a few miles higher up. This may have included the grant above.

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(429) THOMAS ANDREWS, Lease of 50 acres bordering upon the school land [1], formerly called Benjamin Syms' land. Lease for 21 years with an annual rent of two barrels of good Indian corn yearly. By West, November 28, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] By his will, dated February 12, 1634-35, Benj. Syms, of Elizabeth City county, founded the first free school (endowed), in the North

American Colonies. This school existed until 1805, when it was, together with another, established by Thomas Eaton, about 1640, incorporated as Hampton Academy. Since the late war the funds belonging to the Academy endowment, have been used for the support of the Hampton High School. For a more extended account see the *William and Mary Quarterly*, October, 1897.

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(430) RICHARD MILLTON, 75 acres at Westover in the county of Charles City, bounded on the south by the river; on the east by the land of John Clay; on the west by the land of Wm. Thompson, and on the north by Herring Creek; which land is half of a patent previously belonging to John Davis, and John Clay in equal portions; with all the "buildings and houseing thereupon;" and sold by John Davis to Thomas Stephens, merchant [*sic*: but probably should be Stegg], and due said Mellton by deed from Thomas Stegg, merchant, "extant upon record" [1]. This patent granted by West, November 29, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] This is of interest as showing that as early as 1636 conveyances of land were put upon record in Virginia.

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(431) WILLIAM WILKINSON, MINISTER, 700 acres on the "Lynhaven, commonly called Chesapeian river," adjoining the land of Captain Adam Thoroughgood. Due: 200 acres, by assignment, dated Oct. 3, 1635, from Robert Newkerke, and due said Newkerke as follows: 50 for his own personal adventure, and 150 for the transportation of three persons. The other 500 acres due: 50 for said Wilkinsons own personal adventure, 50 for the personal adventure of his wife Naomy, and 400 for the transportation of 8 persons. By West, Nov. 20, 1635.

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(432) JAMES PLACE, 550 acres in Henrico county, by a small creek in a clear field, called Pinascoes field, otherwise Porridge's field; bounded on the southwest by the river, and extending northwest towards the falls of the great river, and adjoining the land of Robert Hollman. Due to the said Place in right of his wife Elizabeth, as follows: 250 in right of her first husband, George Boates (and due to Boates for the transportation of her, the said Elizabeth, and four servants), and 300 acres in right of her late husband, John Ward, due said Ward as follows: 100 in his own right, as an ancient planter, and 200 for the transportation of his first wife, Grace, and three other persons. By West, June 1, 1635.

Head rights: Elizabeth Ward, Geo. Boates, Cornelius Dehull, Vincent Dehall, Richard Tombs, Jon. [1] Ward, Grace Ward, Jon. Morgan, Thomas Robinson, Richard Greete.

## NOTE.

[1] As "John" Ward is named in the patent, this shows that "Jon" is the abbreviation for that name.

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(433) CORNELIUS LOYD, 100 acres on the east side of the bay of Elizabeth river, bounded on the north by Thomas Lambeth's [Lambert] land. Due for the transportation of two persons. By West, Dec. 22, 1636.

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(434) FRANCIS STOCKLEY, 50 acres in the County of Accomack at Old Plantation Creek, adjoining the land of Henry Williams. Due for the transportation of one servant, Francis Jarvis. By West, Dec. 22, 1636.

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(435) LIEUTENANT JOHN CHEESMAN, 200 acres at New Poquoson [York Co.], adjoining the lands of Christopher Stokes [1] and Thos. Ranshaw. Due for the transportation of four persons. By West, Dec. 22, 1636.

## NOTE.

[1] Christopher Stokes, who was probably of the family of Stokes, of Stanshawes, Gloucestershire, England (a family in which the name Christopher appears several times), came to Virginia before 1635, for we find that on the 21st day of July of that year he obtained a patent for 300 acres of land on the New Poquoson, in Charles river, afterwards York; and Aug. 16, 1637, 300 acres more adjoining, and on the 20th of May, 1638, 400 acres on Warwick river. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for "Warwicke River." in October, 1629 (*Hening* I, 139), and for Denby (in Warwick Co.) March, 1629-30 (*Ib.*, I, 148), and died sometime before 1646, leaving Christopher, William, Francis and Thomas, his sons, surviving him, and a will, which does not remain of record, devising his estate to his said four sons, for in a record in the County Court of York, on the 25th of May, 1648, is this entry: "Whereas Christopher Stokes did, by his will, give to his sons Christopher, William, Francis and Thomas his estate; whereas the said Thomas has since died, the court doth order that Edward Miles, guardian, do take charge," &c.

Christopher Stokes, son of the above, died leaving a widow, but no children, dividing his estate, by will, equally between his said wife, Abeatrice, and his two brothers, William and Francis (*York Records*).

Frances died about 1658, unmarried, thus leaving William only survivor, who became owner of all the land patented by his father. He is stated to have been the father of John Stokes who obtained a patent for 476 acres of land in Charles City county on the 25th of April, 1701, and of Sylvanus Stokes, who patented 244 acres in Charles City, December 19, 1711, and in 1717 of 200 acres south side of Nottoway river, and in

1723 of 380 acres adjoining the last grant. The said John Stokes was the father of David Stokes the elder, who was one of the justices of Lunenburg in 1746, when that county was organized, and had large holdings of real estate there.

Sylvanus Stokes was the father of Young and Henry Stokes, who together, had a grant of 480 acres on Tusiekeat creek, Lunenburg in 1750. The will of Sylvanus Stokes was proved in Surry, in March, 1748. (We shall be glad to have an abstract of it.) On Dec. 30, 1727, Sylvanus Stokes, of Surry, made a deed for a tract of land which had been granted him in 1723. Of this branch, doubtless, was John Stokes, whose will, dated June 9, and proved in Sussex, August 16, 1764, left his estate to his wife, Sarah, and sons Young, John and Nathaniel; and also Sylvanus Stokes, whose will was dated February 25, 1758, and proved in Sussex, June 19, 1766. His legatees were his sons Marcus, Sylvanus, Drury and Micajah; wife Cecilia, daughters Phaedra Freeman, Susannah Green, Elizabeth Knight, and Lucy, Agnes, and Lexia Stokes. The will of Samuel Stokes was dated July 23, 1770, and proved in Sussex, April 16, 1772; legatees: wife Mary, daughter Lorel Rochel, daughter Cisl Thompson, sons David and Samuel. There is on record in Sussex, a deed dated 1755, from Samuel Stokes, conveying to John Stokes land which was patented by Sylvanus Stokes in 1732. The will of Cecilia Stokes was proved in Sussex, October 19, 1786; legatees: sons Micajah and Sylvanus, children (in general), daughter Elizabeth Knight. There is also of record in Sussex a deed, dated 1758, from Sylvanus Stokes of that county, to Sylvanus Stokes, of Brunswick county; and also a deed dated July 5, 1763, from Sylvanus Stokes, of Sussex, to his daughter, Lucy Owen.

The register of Albemarle Parish, Sussex, contains the following entries in regard to the family: John and Sarah Stokes had issue: (1) Elizabeth, born September 10, 1747; (2) Edith, born January 21, 1749-50; (3) John, born August 20, 1743; (4) Phebe, born November 17, 1745; (5) Sarah, born November 9, 1761; (6) Mourning, "daughter of John Stokes, deceased, and Sarah his wife," born October 14, 1764.

John and Anne Stokes had Sylvanus, born February 18, 1739-40. [Anne may have been the first wife of the same John Stokes.]

Sylvanus and Cecilia Stokes had (1) Agnes, born October 18, 1745; (2) Lydia, born January 27, 1747-8; (3) Elizabeth, born August 20, 1740. Sylvanus and Frances Stokes had Lucy, born January 13, 1741-2.

David and Sarah Stokes had (1) Mary, born February 10, 1747-8; (2) Lucy, born January 17, 1754. Young and Sarah Stokes had (1) Zadock, born July 7, 1769.

Thomas and Anne Stokes had (1) Polly, born June 19, 1775; (2) Richard, born April 17, 1771.

Samuel and Mary Stokes had (1) Rebecca, born October 14, 1759.

Jones and Ann Stokes had (1) Jones, born February 10, 1742-3.

Sylvanus Stokes died February 6, 1747-8.

Jones Stokes, Jr., died February 23, 1750-1.

Very probably all of these people had other children besides those which appear in the parish register in its present shape. It is well known that parish registers, at least in Virginia, cannot be relied on to give all the children born in a parish. Either the parents or minister failed to enter them, or their names were in registers now lost.

A manuscript account of the family prepared recently by a descendant states, that John and Sylvanus Stokes referred to above as grandsons of the immigrant, and sons of William Stokes, were ancestors of those of the name now living. Sylvanus was the father of Young and Henry Stokes, who owned large bodies of land in Lunenburg and the adjoining counties. The former (Young Stokes), was the father of Sylvanus Stokes, the ancestor of Allen Y. Stokes, of Richmond, and Dr. Thomas D. Stokes, of Danville.

There is on record in Brunswick county, the marriage bond, dated August 24, 1756, of Silvanus Stokes and Temperance, daughter of Geo. Clarke.

The will of Elizabeth Stokes, was dated April 27, 1746, and proved in Lunenburg, October 1, 1751; legatees: sons Richard and David. The will of Young Stokes was dated August 3, 1769, and proved in Lunenburg, December 5, 1770; legatees: wife Elizabeth, son Henry, daughter Cecilia, children Silvanus, Allen, William, Susannah, Charlotte, Mary Ann Neal, Lucy Anderson, and Elizabeth, wife of Henry Blagrove.

The will of Allen Stokes was dated January 10, 1781, and proved in Lunenburg, February 8, 1787; legatees: son Allen, son German Young Stokes; daughter Mary, and his wife; makes bequests to his five children and his brother Henry Stokes. His mother was living when the will was made. There is in Lunenburg, a deed from Richard Stokes to his son Richard, August, 1760.

The manuscript account of the family already referred to, states that David Stokes the elder, son of John, and grandson of William Stokes, was a justice of Lunenburg at its formation in 1746, and was born 23rd October, 1707, and died 12th September, 1794. (The dates are from a family Bible.)

He married Sarah Montford (granddaughter of Colonel Thomas Montford, who lived at Old Point Comfort), born 3d February, 1717, died 9th April, 1800.

They had the following sons and daughters:

I. William, born 10th October, 1735; II. Anne, born 11th October, 1737; III. Elizabeth, born 30th August, 1740; IV. Mary, born 20th Aug., 1743; married Anthony Street, and was mother of Waddey Street, who was elected to Congress, but died before taking his seat; and David Street, who was for many years presiding justice of Lunenburg; V. David, born 18th November, 1745, and died in 1797. He was a lawyer of great ability and an officer in the Revolutionary Army. In 1781 he



was Colonel of the militia of Lunenburg, and was with them in camp at Williamsburg on October 1st. It appears that the number of the militia of that county who could be armed was so small that the government directed that the services of a colonel should be dispensed with. Under date Oct. 1st, 1781, Col. Stokes wrote to Governor Nelson a very indignant letter in regard to the refusal of his services, and protested against being "dishonorably discharged within sight of the field of action" (*Calendar Virginia State Papers*, I, 515); VI. Sarah, born 19th Dec., 1748; VII. Susannah, born 23d Sept., 1750; VIII. Jane, born 24th Mar., 1751, died Oct., 1828. She married Peter Jones, a descendant of Peter Jones, who was associated with Col. Wm. Byrd in running the boundary line between Virginia and North Carolina, and was the mother of (1) Lewellin Jones, father of Montford Jones, of Canton, Miss.; (2) Edw'd Montford Jones, father of John James Jones and Anne Parke Craig; (3) Branch Jones, father of Algernon Sidney Jones, Peter Branch Jones, Walter Jones, Lewis Claiborne Jones, and several daughters; (4) Peter Jones, father of Lewellin A. Jones, and Julia who married Dr. Henry May; (5) Jane who married McCullough, and was grandmother of Gen'l Bén. McCullough, C. S. A.; (6) Sally who married Richard Cralle, and was the mother of Richard Kenner Cralle, a distinguished lawyer and literary man and the friend and biographer of Jno. C. Calhoun, Dr. A. B. Cralle, John L. Cralle, S. J. Cralle, and Martha, and Sally Montford who married Colin Stokes; (7) Mary who married Major Robinson; (8) Elizabeth who married John Taylor, and was the mother of John Stokes Taylor, Littleton Waller Taylor, Martha who married Whitaker, of Florida, and Eliza who married Bradford of the same State; (9) Ann S. married Wm. Garland Overton, and was the mother of Wm. Montford Overton, &c.; IX. John Stokes, born 20th March, 1756, was a captain in the Revolutionary Army and Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. President Andrew Jackson studied law in his office; X. Peter Stokes, born 25th Oct., 1758, died Feb., 1828. He was a captain in the Revolutionary Army, and married Sarah, sister of James Smith who represented Lunenburg Co. in the House of Delegates for many years; XI. Montford Stokes, born 12th March, 1762; Governor of North Carolina and United States Senator. *Wheeler's Reminiscences of North Carolina*, 1887, pp. 468-69, says, however, that he was born 1760, died 1842, and was a son of Allen Stokes, of Halifax county, N. C. He represented Wilkes county, N. C. in the State Senate in 1826, and the House of Commons 1819-29 and 1830; United States Senator 1815-23, and Governor of North Carolina 1831. He was twice married, and Wheeler gives an account of his descendants. It is believed that Wheeler is incorrect in his statement of the parentage of Governor Stokes, and that the account here given, from the Bible of David Stokes, is correct.

Peter Stokes, son of David Stokes the elder, had one son, John, who

married his cousin Susannah, daughter of Peter Jones, and one daughter Sarah, who married David Street, son of Anthony.

John Stokes (son of Peter) and Susannah his wife had the following sons and daughters: I. Peter, married Isabella Nelson, daughter of Nathaniel Nelson, and moved to Texas, where he died, leaving sons and daughters; II. John Hancock married Maria, daughter of Gillis M. Bacon, and has sons and daughters; III. Sarah Jane married Elisha B. Jackson, and died in 1851, leaving one child, John Jackson, of Richmond, Va.; IV. David Rittenhouse, Captain C. S. A., of Lunenburg county, married first, Sarah Haynie, daughter of Wm. Stokes, and had by her two daughters, Sarah Jane, who married Edwin C. Ogburn, and Lucy Allen who married Alpheus C. Ogburn. Dr. R. Stokes married secondly, Josephine, daughter of Sharpe Carter, of Nottoway county, and had Terry, Richard Carter, David R., Jr., Irby, Martha who married McCole, of Henry county, Belle and Susan Jones. D. R. Jones died 1884; IV: Wm. Overton Stokes, who graduated in medicine at Philadelphia, moved to Kentucky, where he married Sarah Montford, daughter of Captain John Cooke, and died about 1861, leaving two sons and a daughter; V. Edward Montford Stokes, who never married.

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(436) ELINOR DAY and THOMAS EMMERSON, 300 acres in the County of Warwick River, beginning on the west at Claybourne's Neck pond, and adjoining Thomas Altome's land. Due for the transportation of six persons: Edward Sandall, Jon. Foard, Robert Bentall, Nathan Gudle, Georg Johnson, William Osintherly [?]. By West, Dec. 22d, 1636.

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(437) RICHARD PRESTON [1], 150 acres about four miles up Warwicksqueake River, on the north side, "the land being known by the Indians as Husquanups." Due for the transportation of Preston's now wife and three other persons. By West, Dec. 22d, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] Richard Preston was a justice of Nansemond county September 29, 1636 (*Order recorded in Lower Norfolk*).

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(438) EPAPHRODITUS LAWSON, 200 acres in the county of Warwicksqueake, adjoining Wm. Parker's land, and the Nanzemond River. Due for the transportation of four persons: Jon. Dipple, William Ewin, Richard Williams, Jon. Smith. By West, Dec. 23d, 1636.

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(439) ARTHUR HASHINGTON, 200 acres in the county of Warwicksqueake, adjoining the land of Epaphroditus Lawson and the Nansemond

river. Due for the transportation of three persons: Arthur Haskington, Thomas Morgan, John Banister. By West, Dec. 23d, 1636.

This patent was renewed in the name of Gresham Cofield the 18th July, 1640.

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(440) WILLIAM JOHNSON, 50 acres in Warwicksqueake, adjoining the land of Arthur Haskington. Due for his own personal adventure. By West, Dec. 23d, 1636.

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(441) NICHOLAS REYNOLDS, 1,000 acres at Lawne's Creek, adjoining the lands of Edward Rogers and Captain William Peirce, said land being granted by Captain Francis West, late deceased, to Roger Delke, also lately deceased, and now due said Reynolds as marrying the widow of said Delke. By West, Dec. 23d, 1636.

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(442) HENRY WILSON, 50 acres in the county of Accomack, on Old Plantation Creek and adjoining the lands of Wm. Blower and Francis Stockley. Due for the transportation of one servant, Jasper Melton. By West, December 23, 1636.

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(443) WILLIAM MELLING [1] 100 acres in Accomack, on the south side of King's Creek, adjoining the land of William Bilby. By West, December 23, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] There is on record at Northampton Court House (formerly Accomack), a deposition of "William Melling, gentleman," dated June 9, 1636; and in the same court is recorded an acknowledgment, dated June 28, 1661, by "William Melling, late of Virginia, now resident in London, gentleman."